THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Meeting Minutes – February 7, 2011

MEETING NO. 2011-02: The Special Meeting of the City and Borough of Juneau Assembly, held in the Assembly Chambers of the Municipal Building, was called to order at 5:15 p.m. by Mayor Bruce Botelho.

I. ROLL CALL

Assembly Present: Jonathan Anderson, Mary Becker, Karen Crane, Ruth Danner, Bob Doll, Johan Dybdahl, Merrill Sanford, David Stone, and Bruce Botelho.

Assembly Absent: None.

Staff Present: Rod Swope, City Manager; Kim Kiefer, Deputy City Manager; John Hartle, City Attorney; Laurie Sica, Municipal Clerk; Craig Duncan, Finance Director; John Stone, Port Director; Heather Marlow, Lands and Resources Manager; Barbara Berg, Library Director; Rorie Watt, Engineering Director; Dale Pernula, Community Development Director.

II. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

A. State Library, Museum and Archives Project Update

Linda Thibodeau, Director of State Libraries, Archives, and Museums, introduced the Project Team, including Kim Mahoney, Project Manager, with DOT/PF; Brian Meissner, Lead Architect with ECI/Hyer Architecture & Interiors; Sam Kito, Architect and Engineer with DOE; Jim Simard, State Historical Librarian; Glenn Cook, Deputy Director; and Bob Banghart, Chief Curator with the Alaska State Museum.

Mr. Meissner said this is not a Juneau project, but a statewide project located in Juneau. This building project is about creating efficiencies, to co-locate existing workers in the Libraries, Archives and Museums Division, and to better deliver services statewide through outreach and education.

The project includes a new building, staff integration, and the digital archives with a digital portal to allow public access to the entire collections worldwide.

The schematic design will be 100% complete by this time next year and groundbreaking is scheduled for Spring 2012. There will be a Conditional Use application submitted and the need for a Variance application for the height of the building. Parking will be thoroughly discussed.

There has been public discussion and a decision was made to demolish the building. There will be some integration of a portion of the historic exterior panels into the new building.
Design elements of waterfront and wings of ravens and eagles were incorporated into the design. Mr. Meissner showed a site plan with a public courtyard in front of the building on Whittier, and a parking lot on the existing parking lot off of Willoughby Avenue. He reviewed the floor plans, which include new exhibit space, conservation labs, classrooms, offices, and a reading and research room. Underground parking is anticipated and they are accounting for the water levels, considering the property was formerly tideland.

An informational website: [www.alaskalamp.blogspot.com](http://www.alaskalamp.blogspot.com) has been set up for the project. All the public meetings are being tracked on this website.

Ms. Danner asked about the exhibit space. Mr. Meissner said it will be 50% larger and all on one floor, with other areas containing integrated exhibits, such as in the lobby and reading room.

Ms. Becker asked about the project cost. Mr. Meissner said the total project budget is $126,950,000, of which $27,450,000 has been secured to date.

Mr. Doll asked about the height of display space. Mr. Meissner said there would be a 20-foot clearance to accommodate for large objects.

Mr. Sanford asked about the ceiling height of the underground parking. Mr. Meissner said it would be 14 feet to accommodate the mechanical equipment located on the parking level. The bottom floor of the building will be raised four feet above ground.

Mayor Botelho asked if the document storage facility at Lemon Creek would still be in operation once the project was built. Mr. Meissner said that function will remain, especially for the large objects, and some items have contaminants that cannot be shared with the rest of the collection in a new building.

Mayor Botelho asked when the financial package would be solidified. Mr. Meissner said it would be between this legislative session and the next. The project has $27,500,000 in hand.

Mayor Botelho said the Assembly is very excited with this project and recognizes it as a statewide project. The Assembly looks forward to the construction and dedication in 2014.

Mr. Meissner thanked the Assembly for its support and comments on the tough question about the existing building.

### III. ADJOURNMENT – 5:40 p.m.

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Laurie Sica, Municipal Clerk  Bruce Botelho, Mayor